GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Revenue (Endowments) Department - Violation of Conduct Rules by Sri V.Devendra Reddy, Dy.Collector while working as Estate Officer, TTD,Tirupati – Charges framed – Written statement of Defense submitted – Remarks from EO,TTD obtained – Hearing Conducted on 02.01.2024 - Further action dropped – Orders -- Issued.

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available under his exclusive custody, pertaining to the properties of TTD on 27th May 2020 to the media. He failed to maintain the confidentiality in dealing with confidential and classified information as the sole custodian of documents and thereby damaged the reputation of TTD.

Thus, Sri V. Devendra Reddy, Dy.Collector acted in a highly irresponsible, very casual and improper way towards his duties as Estate Officer, TTD, Tirupati and thereby violated Rule 3 (1), (2), (3) and 15 of APCS (Conduct) Rules,1964.

ARTICLE-II

That the said Sri V. Devendra Reddy, Dy.Collector while working as Estate Officer, TTD, Tirumala unauthorizedly and without competence allowed the running of Janatha canteen at the basement of CRO, Tirumala for the period from 18-08- 2014 to 20-10-2014, even after cancellation of its license by the E.O., TTD for violation of certain conditions of the license by the licensee of the said canteen viz one Sri B.Narayana and also subsequent to taking into possession of the said canteen by the Revenue Inspector, TTD, Tirumala on the AN of 14-08-2014.

Thus, he acted in a highly irresponsible, negligent, casual and improper way and also exhibited open defiance of the orders of his higher authorities, which is unbecoming of a Govt. employee. Thereby he violated Rules 3(1) and 3(2) APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

ARTICLE-III

Sri V. Devendra Reddy, Dy.Collector, when he was working as Estate Officer, TTD, Tirumala issued orders on 28.11.2014 to the Health Officer, TTD, Tirumala in file bearing No.HE5/135/1-10/TTD/Tm1/2014 to change the Dangerous& Offensive Trade license to Sri P. Venkatarathnam who is a bunk license holder in front of II NC, Tirumala to carry out business [Tea & Tiffin] , instead of sale of fancy items & cool drinks, even though he has no power to recommend to the Health Officer, TTD,Tirumala to issue orders for change of trade , without the consent of Joint Executive Officer, TTD, Tirumala.

Thus, he acted in a highly irresponsible and improper way and also abused his official position which is unbecoming of a Govt. employee.Thereby he violated Rule 3 (1), (2) and (3) APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

5. In turn he has submitted his Defense vide reference 7th read above. Wherein the remarks from the Executive Officer, Tirumala Tirupati Devastanams has also obtained vide reference 8th read above.

6. Whereas after examining the defense of the Charged Offer and report of the Executive Officer, Tirumala Tirupati Devastanams, Sri V.Devendra Reddy was directed to appear before the Special Chief Secretary to Government (Endowments) on 02nd January, 2024 and submit his defense and the Executive Officer, Tirumala Tirupati Devastanams, Tirupati was also requested to depute the

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concerned Deputy Executive Officer, along with the connected records for the said hearing in the reference 9th read above. Accordingly, the Charged officer and the Deputy Executive Officer O/o E.O.TTD were present and submitted the case details.

7. Whereas after examination of the case details and after perusal of the connected records it is noticed that the written statement of the Charged officer is very clear and the charges are also non serious. The first charge has no relevance at this point of time, as anyone can obtain the said information under Right to Information Act and the list of properties of the TTD cannot be a confidential information as TTD is a public Institution. The second charge any way will not hold ground, as the EO has ratified and in any case, it is not within the competence of the individual to extend the time after the licence has been cancelled by the competent authority. The third charge is also not tenable on the ground that the individual is not competent but the fact anyone can recommend anything to his colleagues and that cannot be faulted.

8. Government after careful examination of the entire issue while accepting the written explanation of Sri V. Devendra Reddy, Deputy Collector formerly Estate Officer, Tirumala Tirupathi Devasthanams,Tirupati it is decided and hereby ordered to drop all the charges framed against him in the reference 6th read above.,

9. The Executive Officer, Tirumala Tirupati Devastanams, Tirupati is requested to take immediate necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF AHDHRA PRADESH)

R.KARIKAL VALAVEN
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri. V.Devendra Reddy, Deputy Collector Formerly Estate Officer, Tirumala TirupatiDevasthanams, Tirupati (through the Executive Officer, Tirumala TirupatiDevasthanams, Tiruapti, Andhra Pradesh)
The Executive Officer, Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams, Tiruapti, Andhra Pradesh.
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The General Administration (SC.B) Department.
The Revenue (Vig.I/Ser.I) Department.
The PS to Principal Secretary to Government (Endowments), Revenue Department.
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//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

R. Vijay Kishore
SECTION OFFICER